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NOTICES OF JUDGMENT UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

[Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.]

5051. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. Jerome Diggs. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10. (F. & D. No. 7066. I. S. No. 3431-1.)

On March 15, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of said District an information against Jerome Diggs, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant, on December 14, 1915, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Liquor (per cent)	30.9
Meat (per cent)	69.1

Analysis of meat.

Loss on boiling (per cent)	60.2
Solids (per cent)	12.23
Chlorids as sodium chlorid (per cent)	0.20
Ash (per cent)	0.60
Chlorids in liquor as sodium chlorid (per cent)	0.27

These results show the substitution of a material amount of water for oysters.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength; and for the further reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been substituted in part for oysters, which the article purported to be.

On March 15, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

CLARENCE OUSLEY, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*